

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A film carrier tape for mounting an electronic part comprising an insulating film, a wiring pattern formed on a surface of the insulating film, and a solder resist layer formed by moving a squeegee using a screen mask of a prescribed pattern that is formed in such a manner that connecting terminal portions of the wiring pattern should be exposed, wherein:

~~an edge of the solder resist layer is formed almost in parallel or almost at right angles to the moving direction of the squeegee used in the application of the solder resist comprises an edge portion almost parallel to the moving direction of the squeegee, an edge portion almost right-angled to the moving direction of the squeegee and a corner portion that joins the almost parallel edge portion and the almost right-angled edge portion, and the corner portion is in a shape of a staircase wherein the edge portion almost parallel to the moving direction of the squeegee and the edge portion almost right-angled to the moving direction of the squeegee are alternately arranged.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Withdrawn) A screen mask for solder resist coating, comprising a frame, a screen stretched on the frame, and a masking zone that is provided on a screen surface except the area to be coated with the solder resist in order to selectively apply the solder resist, wherein:

an edge of the masking zone provided in order to selectively apply the solder resist is formed almost in parallel or almost at right angles to the moving direction of a squeegee used in the application of the solder resist.

4. (Withdrawn) The screen mask for solder resist coating as claimed in claim 3, wherein the edge of the masking zone provided in order to selectively apply the

solder resist comprises an edge portion almost parallel to the moving direction of the squeegee, an edge portion almost right-angled to the moving direction of the squeegee and a corner portion that joins the almost parallel edge portion and the almost right-angled edge portion, and the corner portion is in a shape of a staircase wherein the edge portion almost parallel to the moving direction of the squeegee and the edge portion almost right-angled to the moving direction of the squeegee are alternately arranged.